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Report from Matanzas—Inspection and fumigation of vessels—Sanitary inspectors appointed.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, May 3:

Week ended May 1. Bills of health granted to 6 vessels clearing for the United States. The British steamship *Malinche*, bound from Progreso, Mexico, to New Orleans, via Cardenas, Caibarien, and Matanzas, was fumigated at this port April 25, when about to leave for her port of destination. This vessel was not fumigated on leaving Progreso, and was held in quarantine by the Cuban authorities at every port she touched. No sickness had developed on board up to the time of her inspection.

Two new medical officers with residence in Matanzas, have been appointed by the secretary of sanitation for the inspection of the sanitary condition of the different towns of this province when so ordered by the director of sanitation. They report satisfactory conditions from every place inspected.

Report from Santiago—Inspection of vessels—Leprosy.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, April 28:

Week ended April 24. Bills of health issued to 8 vessels bound for the United States and its dependencies. No vessel was fumigated. No new case of quarantinable disease has been reported. There are 3 cases of leprosy under treatment.

ECUADOR.

Report from Guayaquil^a—Inspection of vessels—Plague and yellow fever.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Wightman reports, January 12:

During the week ended December 26 a bill of health was issued to 1 steamship with a personnel of 88 members of crew, 19 cabin and 21 steerage passengers.

For the same week a total of 45 deaths was reported for Guayaquil, among which 2 were from yellow fever and 2 from plague.

GERMANY.

Report from Berlin—Status of cholera in Russia.

The following is received from Consul-General Thackara, under date of April 24:

Week ended March 27, 25 cases of cholera, with 5 deaths, were registered in the city of St. Petersburg and suburbs; from March 28 to April 4, 10 cases, with 3 deaths.

GUATEMALA.

Report from Puerto Barrios, fruit port—Water containers—Stegomyia.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ames reports as follows:

Week ended April 24, 1909. Present officially estimated population, 350. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, good.

^a Report received out of date.

Water containers inspected: Barrels, 26; not screened; no protection. Cisterns, 17; screened with wire gauze. Containers oiled. *Stegomyia* found in 10 barrels and 5 cisterns.

Bills of health issued to the following-named vessels:

Date.	Vessel.	Destination.	Number of crew.	Number of passengers from this port.	Number of passengers in transit.
Apr. 20	Parismina.....	Colon.....	88	45	46
21	Origen.....	New Orleans.....	27	12	36

Temperature taken of all persons on board day of sailing.

HAWAII.

Reports from Honolulu—Examination of rats for plague infection.

Passed Assistant Surgeon Currie, in temporary charge, reports, April 19 and 26:

HONOLULU.

Week ended April 17.

Total rats taken.....	666
Trapped.....	665
Found dead.....	0
Examined bacteriologically.....	583
Plague infected.....	0
Classification of rats trapped:	
<i>Mus alexandrinus</i>	109
<i>Mus musculus</i>	241
<i>Mus norvegicus</i>	171
<i>Mus rattus</i>	144
Average number of traps set daily.....	1, 410
Poisons placed (barium carbonate).....	295
Rat killed by sulphur dioxide.....	1
Classification of rat killed by sulphur dioxide:	
<i>Mus musculus</i>	1
Rats from Hilo referred to this laboratory for bacteriological diagnosis.....	2
Still under investigation.....	2
Proved to be plague infected during week.....	0

Week ended April 24.

Total number of rats taken.....	640
Trapped.....	637
Found dead.....	0
Examined bacteriologically.....	557
Plague infected.....	0
Classification of rats trapped:	
<i>Mus alexandrinus</i>	107
<i>Mus musculus</i>	247
<i>Mus norvegicus</i>	161
<i>Mus rattus</i>	122
Average number of traps set daily.....	1, 410
Poisons placed (barium carbonate).....	240
Rats killed by sulphur dioxide.....	3
Classification of rats killed by sulphur dioxide:	
<i>Mus alexandrinus</i>	3
Rats from Hilo referred to this laboratory for bacteriological diagnosis.....	0
Still under investigation.....	1
Proved to be plague infected during week.....	1